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Location:
The Governor's Gallery
Pavilion Office Building
109 State Street, 5th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05602
Photo ID is required for admission

Exhibition from:
April 5 – June 30, Gallery Hours: 8:00 – 4:30pm daily
Opening Reception: Thursday, April 13, 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Art Walk: Friday, May 5, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Artists Website: [Jo MacKenzie](http://JoMacKenzie.com)

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The Vermont Governor's Gallery presents "Moments" Watercolors by Jo MacKenzie

MONTPELIER, VT: Governor Phil Scott and the Vermont State Curator's Office proudly present Adamant-based watercolorist Jo MacKenzie in her solo exhibition "Moments" at the Governor's Gallery in Montpelier. The show will run from April 5 – June 30. **An opening reception will take place on April 13, from 4 to 7 pm.**

The title of MacKenzie's exhibition, "Moments", was inspired by the lyrics of a song created by her husband, musician Tom MacKenzie. The song speaks to how we need not take for granted heartfelt passion and the ordinary things that bring us joy in our lives, as time slips so quickly away.

The watercolor paintings on paper that MacKenzie has created for this show bring the bright, airy, fresh light of spring and summer within lovely domestic interiors. She also features a vivid array of beautifully painted details within floral images.

MacKenzie says, “ *Painting is not about seeing specific objects, but about finding the underlying value of shape and the connections that create forms which give the illusion of being concrete objects.* ”

[Vermont State Curator](#) David Schutz admits to being a longtime fan of MacKenzie’s work. “ *Jo has lived for a long time in my community, and I have encountered her beautiful watercolors in many different places throughout central Vermont over the years. I’m absolutely thrilled that at last we are presenting her at the Governor’s Gallery where Vermont’s finest artists eventually are shown. Jo’s unique style and clear vision make her paintings easy to recognize, and yet startlingly fresh and new.* ”

A former special educator, with a BA from Skidmore College, Jo MacKenzie has exhibited her work throughout Vermont. She enjoys staying in touch with her audience through Facebook, Instagram and a weekly blog featured on her website.

MacKenzie also has a book titled [Three Step Watercolors](#) that helps others look creatively at the world using watercolor techniques and process. It is available at [amazon.com](#) and on her website at [www.jomackenzie.com](#) . She has also published several short videos that illustrate this concept.

If you need additional images or would like to set up an interview, please contact the artist directly at: [Jo MacKenzie](#) 802.802-454-7330 or email: [jowatercolor@gmail.com](#)

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